

SAINTS XANTHIPPA AND POLYXENA

The Monastic women Xanthippa and Polyxena were sisters by birth, and they lived in Spain in the time of the holy Apostles. They were among the first to hear the divine teaching of Christ the Savior from the holy Apostle Paul, when he preached in their land.

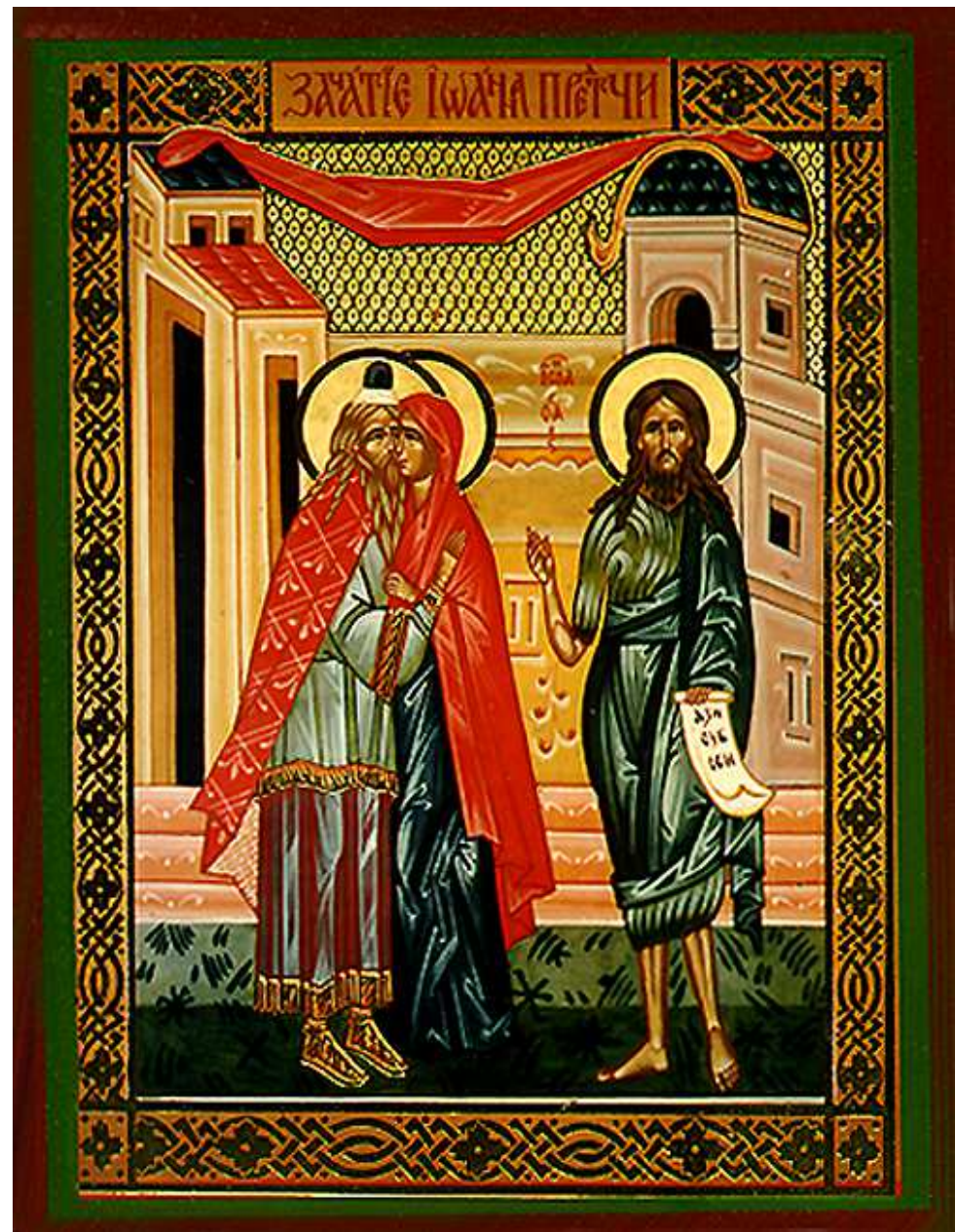
St. Xanthippa and her husband Probus accepted Christianity, but St. Polyxena was still a pagan when a certain man became entranced with her extraordinary beauty and forcibly carried her off to Greece on a ship. The Lord preserved her unharmed. On the voyage, the saint heard the preaching of the holy Apostle Peter and believed in Christ.

When she arrived in Greece, St. Polyxena turned to the Christians for protection and defense, and they hid her in the city of Patra in Achaia, where she formally accepted Christianity and was baptized by the holy Apostle Andrew the First-Called himself.

She became a witness to his miracles and how he patiently and humbly endured his sufferings and death. She stood at the cross upon which they crucified the holy Apostle Andrew. After his martyric death, St. Polyxena returned to Spain where she and her older sister Xanthippa converted many pagans to Christ. St. Polyxena toiled for about 40 years preaching the Gospel in Spain. St. Xanthippa shared in her sister's work and preached in the populous city of Toledo.

St. Polyxena reposed in about the year 109, having preserved her virginity to the end of her earthly life.

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SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Conception of the Honorable Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John

Sts. Xanthippa and Polyxena, disciples of the Apostles, who died in Spain;

Virgin Martyr Irais, of Alexandria;

Martyrs Andrew, John, and John's children: Peter and Antoninus, of Syracuse, martyred in Africa

“The priest was informed by an angel of the wonder God was working in their lives, and so it was, indeed, that his sterile wife brought forth their son, John. He it was who became the Forerunner and herald of the Word, a guide for all on the way to salvation. For this, we, too, celebrate his conception, glorifying the only Savior of our souls.”

Kondakion, Tone IV

Holy New Martyrs of Alaska, Hieromonk Juvenaly and Peter the Aleut
Monday, September 24

“Today Valaam joins Alaska in celebrating this joyous feast, as her spiritual son Juvenaly embraces the New Martyr Peter with love. Together they suffered for the Lord in America and united the Old World with the New by their voluntary sacrifice. Now forever they stand before the King of Glory and intercede for our souls.”

Kondakion, Tone IV

TODAY'S EPISTLE: II CORINTHIANS 6:16-7:1
GALATIANS 4:22-31

TODAY'S GOSPEL: LUKE 5:1-11
LUKE 1:5-25

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Saturday, September 29 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, September 24	Romans 8:28-39	Luke 21:12-19
Tuesday, September 25	Galatians 5:22-6:2	Luke 6:17-23
Wednesday, September 26	I John 4:12-19	John 19:25-27; 21:24-25
Thursday, September 27	Ephesians 5:20-26	Luke 5:12-16
	Ephesians 5:25-33	Luke 5:33-39
	Ephesians 5:33-6:9	Luke 6:12-19
Friday, September 28	Ephesians 6:18-24	Luke 6:17-23
(St. Chariton)	II Corinthians 4:6-15	Luke 6:17-23
Saturday, September 30	I Corinthians 15:39-45	Luke 5:17-26

COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER:

- 8, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle
- 14, Sunday Second Sunday Food Sale
Church School Assembly
- 15, Monday 7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting
- 28, Sunday HTOC Parish Meeting

PLEASE NOTE:

Fr. Alexander is on vacation. He will be back on Sept. 29. Fr. John Adamcio and Fr. Yves Babich are conducting services. If a pastoral emergency arises, call Fr. John Memorich (office: 440-526-5192; rectory: 216-524-9795) or Fr. Yves Babich (216-524-6832).

HOLY TRINITY OUTREACH:

We are having a food drive for St. Mary Of Egypt. Please donate non-perishable items now through Sunday, Oct. 14. Collection tables are in the Hall. Contact Marilyn Cobbs at 440-237-1280 for info.

CHURCH SCHOOL:

Parents of Church School students are asked to register their children. Registration forms and the schedule of classes and events for the coming school year are available from Coordinator Nellie Wislocki. Forms are also available in the Fellowship Hall.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR SEMINARIAN:

We are again conducting a special collection to help parishioner Aaron Rutz offset the costs of his second year at St. Vladimir Seminary. All of the monies that we collect will be matched by the Seminary. A basket is at the rear of the church. If writing a check, please make it out to "Holy Trinity Orthodox Church."

"TIMELESS CHRISTIANITY"

Sister Vassa Larin, PhD., author and scholar of Byzantine liturgy and host of an online catechetical program, will speak at Notre Dame College on Sunday Oct. 21, 3:00-5:00. See details in the Fellowship Hall.

FOOD SALE:

On October 14 our Second Sunday Food Sales will start up again. Please support this fundraiser with your food and bakery donations as well as purchases.

ST. ELIZABETH BOOK CIRCLE:

The Book Circle will meet Monday, Oct. 8, at 12:30. We will complete reading Chapters 6-7 of Exodus. Our next book is Crazy John. Please read pages 11-42.

ST. HERMAN'S FUNDRAISER:

We are having our annual Meatloaf Luncheon on Sunday, November 4, to raise funds for the monthly meals we serve at St. Herman's House. See Jewelann for tickets; sales begin on Sept. 30.

The Basket Auction is again included. If you have an interest to contribute, please contact Dianna Kall, 216-741-2888. Gift cards are very popular. All items are due by Oct. 14. Auction tickets are sold at our Parish Meeting (Oct. 28) and at the Luncheon.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by Helen Stoyka in memory of John Stoyka, Jr.

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by Sue Range in memory of Ann and Michael Petrisin.

FALL FESTIVALS:

See the bulletin boards for info on local festivals and fundraisers, such as "Something Russian" on Oct. 2-3; and St. John's Fest on Sept. 29.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, SEPTEMBER 16	\$ 3848.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	335.00
BUILDING FUND	25.00
MORTGAGE FUND	70.00
CANDLES	161.00
SEMINARIAN	80.00

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SELECTIONS FROM ST. MAXIMUS THE CONFESSOR - VIII

55. The one who loves Christ thoroughly imitates Him as much as he can. Thus Christ did not cease to do good for us. Treated ungratefully and blasphemed, He was patient; beaten and put to death by them, He endured, not thinking ill of anyone at all. These are the words of love for neighbor in the absence of which a person who says he loves Christ and possesses His knowledge deceives himself. For He says, “Not the one who says to me ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father.” And again, “The one who loves Me will keep My commandments.”

56. The whole purpose of the Savior’s commandments is to set free the mind from incontinence and hate and bring it to the love of Him and of one’s neighbor, from which there springs the splendor of holy knowledge in all its acuity.

64. The one who ceaselessly devotes his energies to the interior life is temperate, patient, kind and humble. Not only this, but he is also contemplative, united to God, and prayerful. This is what the Apostle says: “Walk in the Spirit.”

66. Scripture does not deprive us of the things that God gives for our use, but it restrains immoderation and corrects unreasonableness. For example, it does not forbid eating or drinking, or begetting children, or having money. But it forbids gluttony, fornication, and greed. Nor does it forbid us to think of these things, for they were made to be thought of; what it forbids is thinking of them with a passion.

72. Why does the Savior say, “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God”? Because He is hidden in the heart of those who believe in Him. They will see Him and the treasures in Him when they purify themselves by love and self-mastery, and the more intensely they strive, the fuller their vision will be.

78. God, who has promised you everlasting happiness and placed in your heart the pledge of the Spirit, has enjoined you to tend to your behavior so that the inner man, freed from the passions, might begin here and now to enjoy this happiness.

82. Be as eager as you can to love everyone, but if you cannot do this yet, at least do not hate anyone. And you cannot do this unless you strive for purity of heart.

85. Many of us talk but few of us act. But no one should falsify the word of God by his own carelessness. Rather, he should confess his weakness and not hide from God’s truth, lest he be charged with transgressing the commandments and misrepresenting God.

100. Many people will say much about love, but only in seeking it among Christ’s disciples will you find it, for only they have true love, which they learned from the Teacher of love. As it is written, “If I prophecy and know all mysteries and all knowledge but do not have love, it profits me nothing.” Therefore, the one who possesses love possesses God, since “God is love.” To Him be glory forever. Amen.

With this selection, we conclude this year’s series of selected passages from the “Four Centuries on Love” by the great Christian spiritual writer, St. Maximus the Confessor.